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SUBJECT: REBILD FESTIVAL - 1977

1. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO BE SENT TO DANES ON OCCASION OF JULY 4 REBILD FESTIVAL. THIS OCCASION, WHICH DATES FROM 1912, COMMEMORATES CLOSE DANISH-AMERICAN TIES AND UNDERLINES CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY DANISH EMIGRANTS TO U.S. HERITAGE. MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT IS USUALLY CASE IN 1976 IN PRESENCE OF QUEEN AND PRIME MINISTER. LAST YEAR'S FESTIVAL DREW SOME 30,000 PARTICIPANTS - INCLUDING A HANDFUL OF ANTI-US DEMONSTRATORS - FOR BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM.

2. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT REBILD SOCIETY, THROUGH GOOD OFFICES OF DANISH AMBASSADOR BORCH IN WASHINGTON, HAS ASKED VICE PRESIDENT TO BE HONORED GUEST AT THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL. WE WOULD SUPPOSE THAT IF HE WERE TO COME, PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE WOULD REFLECT THAT FACT. INSOFAR AS WE KNOW, REBILD SOCIETY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY FROM VICE PRESIDENT.

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3. IF VICE PRESIDENT PLANS TO VISIT REBILD, CAREFUL PLANNING MUST BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ASSUME THAT SHOULD HE DECIDE TO COME TO DENMARK, AND POSSIBLY OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES AS WELL, HE WOULD PAY VISIT TO COPENHAGEN IN ADDITION TO TAKING PART IN REBILD FESTIVAL. (MANY PROMINENT AMERICANS HAVE ATTENDED FESTIVAL IN PAST, BUT, OTHER THAN STATE GOVERNORS, NONE HAS BEEN

IN OFFICE AT THE TIME OF THEIR VISIT.)

5. IF VICE PRESIDENT DOES NOT PLAN TO COME, EMBASSY WILL (AS IN PAST YEARS) DRAFT SUGGEST PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR APPROVAL IN WASHINGTON ANE EVENTUAL DELIVERY BY AMBASSADOR ON JULY 4.

6. APPRECIATE ADVICE WHEN POSSIBLE. DEAN

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